

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims is to replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

What is claimed:

1. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ A cosmetic composition comprising,

(a) an extract of *Cercis chinensis* having activities of anti-oxidation, anti-skin aging, protecting skin elasticity and preventing wrinkles, extracted by using water or alcohol aqueous solution as an extractant, and

(b) at least one member selected from the group consisting of oily components, thickeners, surfactants and higher alcohols, wherein the oily component comprises one or more selected from the group consisting of vegetable oil, mineral oil, silicon oil and synthetic oil.

2. (Currently amended) The ~~extract~~ cosmetic composition set forth in claim 1, wherein the ~~alcohol aqueous solution~~ extractant is selected from a group consisting of methanol aqueous solution, ethanol aqueous solution, propanol aqueous solution and butanol aqueous solution.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~extract~~ cosmetic composition as set forth in claim 21, wherein the ~~alcohol aqueous solution~~ extractant is a 50~80% ethanol aqueous solution.

4. (Currently amended) The ~~extract~~ cosmetic composition as set forth in claim 31, wherein the ~~alcohol aqueous solution~~ extractant is a 60% ethanol aqueous solution.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~extract~~ cosmetic composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the extract contains one or more compounds selected from a group consisting of compounds represented by <Chemical Formula 1> (isoliquiritigenin), <Chemical Formula 2> (2',4'-dihydroxy-4-methoxychalcone), <Chemical Formula 3> (liquiritigenin), <Chemical Formula 4> (resveratrol), <Chemical Formula 5> (piceatannol), <Chemical Formula 6> (gallic acid), <Chemical Formula 7> (methyl gallate), <Chemical Formula 8> (ethyl gallate), <Chemical Formula 9> (myricetin), <Chemical Formula 10> (afzelin), <Chemical Formula 11> (quercitrin), <Chemical Formula 12> (myricitrin), <Chemical Formula 13> (myricetin-3-O-(2"-O-galloyl)-a-

L-rhamnopyranoside), <Chemical Formula 14> (syringetin-3-O-rutinoside), <Chemical Formula 15> (syringetin-3-O-2"-O-galloyl)-rutinoside), <Chemical Formula 16> ((+)-catechin), <Chemical Formula 17> ((-)-epicatechin-3-O-gallate), <Chemical Formula 18> ((-)-epigallocatechin-3-O-gallate), <Chemical Formula 19> ((-)-lyoniresinol 3a-O-β-D-xylopyranoside) and <Chemical Formula 20> ((+)-lyoniresinol 3a-O-β-D-glucopyranoside).

6. (Currently amended) The ~~extract~~ cosmetic composition as set forth in claim 5, wherein the extract contains a compound represented by <Chemical Formula 6> by 0.01~1.00 weight%, a compound represented by <Chemical Formula 12> 0.01~1.00 weight% and a compound represented by <Chemical Formula 5> by 0.01~0.5 weight%.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently amended) The cosmetic composition as set forth in claim ~~71~~ or in claim ~~85~~, wherein the cosmetic composition is ~~selected from a group consisting of basic skin care cosmetics such as~~ prepared in the form of a soft lotion, a nutritive lotion, a nutritive cream, an essence, a pack ~~and or~~ or a bath powder.

10. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for anti-oxidation and anti-aging containing ~~the~~ an extract of *Cercis chinensis*, extracted with water or with an alcohol aqueous solution as the extractant, as an effective ingredient, the pharmaceutical composition further comprising a member of the group consisting of diluents, disintegrating agents, sweetening agents, lubricators, and flavorings.

11. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition as set forth in claim 10, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is prepared in the ~~forms~~ form of injections, tablets or syrups.

12. (Withdrawn).

13. (Withdrawn).

14. (New) A method for protecting skin against oxidative damage, aging, wrinkles or loss of elasticity comprising,

administering a composition comprising an extract of *Cercis chinensis* extracted by using water or alcohol aqueous solution as an extractant.

15. (New) The method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the extractant is selected from a group consisting of methanol aqueous solution, ethanol aqueous solution, propanol aqueous solution and butanol aqueous solution.

16. (New) The method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the extractant is a 50~80% ethanol aqueous solution.

17. (New) The method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the extractant is a 60% ethanol aqueous solution.

18. (New) The method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the extract contains one or more compounds selected from a group consisting of compounds represented by <Chemical Formula 1> (isoliquiritigenin), <Chemical Formula 2> (2',4'-dihydroxy-4-methoxychalcone), <Chemical Formula 3> (liquiritigenin), <Chemical Formula 4> (resveratrol), <Chemical Formula 5> (piceatannol), <Chemical Formula 6> (gallic acid), <Chemical Formula 7> (methyl gallate), <Chemical Formula 8> (ethyl gallate), <Chemical Formula 9> (myricetin), <Chemical Formula 10> (afzelin), <Chemical Formula 11> (quercitrin), <Chemical Formula 12> (myricitrin), <Chemical Formula 13> (myricetin-3-O-(2"-O-galloyl)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside), <Chemical Formula 14> (syringetin-3-O-rutinoside), <Chemical Formula 15> (syringetin-3-O-2"-O-galloyl)-rutinoside), <Chemical Formula 16> ((+)-catechin), <Chemical Formula 17> ((-)-epicatechin-3-O-gallate), <Chemical Formula 18> ((-)-epigallocatechin-3-O-gallate), <Chemical Formula 19> ((-)-lyoniresinol 3a-O- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranoside) and <Chemical Formula 20> ((+)-lyoniresinol 3a-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside).

19. (New) The method as set forth in claim 18, wherein the extract contains a compound represented by <Chemical Formula 6> by 0.01~1.00 weight%, a compound represented by <Chemical Formula 12> 0.01~1.00 weight% and a compound represented by <Chemical Formula 5> by 0.01~0.5 weight%.